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DAILY STAFF MEETING

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Mr. [ ] stated that the DCI had received a letter from Mike Cowles, enclosing a letter from Paul Hoffman which recommended that General Smith be given sufficient funds to carry out a "strong" propaganda program. Mr. [ ] stated further that the DCI thought it might be profitable for CIA to brief the heads of LIFE, TIME, NEWSWEEK and the three press services on some of our activities in this field. This briefing should be off the record and those present pledged to secrecy. Col. Hansen will prepare a suggested outline as to what should be covered. In this connection, Hansen noted that in a recent conversation [ ]

[ ] that the content of the briefing for these people should be a matter of selection and presentation and that they should be impressed with the sensitivity of the subject to be discussed.

Mr. Reber:

(a) briefly discussed the agenda for tomorrow's IAC meeting;

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(c) further noted that we are attending meetings being held to discuss intelligence support for psychological warfare.

Mr. [ ] stated that he had visited [ ] last Friday and found the installation to be in excellent shape and, in his opinion, was ready for emergency use at any time.

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